the Govt. to assess the nutritional & hematological problems in order to administer appropriate intervention which will eventually help to formulate a strategy for improving health of these Tribes.

Wild Polio-Virus Cases in Maharashtra

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few cases of wild polio virus have been detected in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether there is any chance of this virus spreading to other areas; and

(c) what steps are being taken to effectively tackle it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) Three cases of wild polio virus have been detected in the State of Maharashtra since 1st January, 2000 from Malakapur, District Buldana; Bhivandi, Distt. Thane; and Varsova, Mumbai Corporation. Steps have been taken to ensure that the infection is controlled and it does not spread in other areas. As a part of the outbreak response, 2472 children in Buldhana; 4878 in Versova and 563 in Bhivandi have been immunized. Mop up rounds and vaccinations were organized in Jalgaon, Jalna, Parbhani, Akola, Wasim, Amravati, Buldhana, Yavatmal Distt. and Amravati Corporation on 8—14 May and 5—11 June, 2000. In addition, mop up rounds will be conducted in Thane, Nashik, Ahamadnagar, Raigad and Pune District and 8 Municipal Corporations of Mumbai, Thane, Kalyan, Ulhasnagar, New Mumbai, Nashik, Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad during September and October, 2000.